

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 9, 2002**

The Williamsburg City Council held a work session on September 9, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Messrs. Haulman, Houghland, and Tabb. Also present were City Manager Tuttle, City Attorney Phillips, and City Clerk Crist.

Staff Attending: Assistant to the City Manager Jodi Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zeidler called the meeting to order.

Mayor Zeidler announced with regret that George Genakos submitted his letter of resignation from City Council, dated September 6, 2002. In the letter, Mr. Genakos stated his concern about the matter of the relocation of the Williamsburg Community Hospital.

The Mayor said that according to the City Charter, Council must appoint a replacement to fill the vacant seat on Council within 60 days of the resignation. At the September 12 meeting, Council will present a plan for applications and interviews of applicants. The Mayor announced that the committee assignments of former Councilman Genakos will be assumed as follows: Regional Issues Committee, Mr. Tabb, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Mr. Houghland, Peninsula Workforce Development Consortium, Ms. Zeidler with Mr. Haulman as the alternate.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler opened the session for public comment.
No one wished to speak. The session was closed.

BACKGROUND PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

Review of City Council's Goals and Initiatives for the 2000/2002 Biennium, adopted November 9, 2000, with status as of September 7, 2002.

City Council received the Final Status Report September 7, 2002, City of Williamsburg Goals and Initiatives for the Biennium, provided by the City Manager.

Mr. Tuttle reported on the status of 51 initiatives categorized by nine goal statements for the past two years. Using overhead photographs, he highlighted the accomplishments of the city government, following the outline of the nine major goals: Character of the City, Economic Vitality, Neighborhoods, Transportation, Public Safety, Human Services and Education, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Services, and E-Government.

Some of the initiatives highlighted were the development of City Square, improvements to Richmond Road, progress on the development of the High Street Project, construction of the Prince George Street Parking Garage, the Strawberry Plains Housing Project, completion of the Transportation Center renovation, consolidation of the local transit system, the 911 Communications upgrade, the accomplishment of the Blended PreSchool Program, the Thomas Nelson Community College Williamsburg Campus, expansion and renovation of Quarterpath Park, improvements to storm water management, and

advancements in E-Government.

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Mayor Zeidler thanked Mr. Tuttle for his report. Council members were pleased with all that had been accomplished over the past two years, and thanked Mr. Tuttle and staff for their fine work to make it all happen.

Process for developing City Council's Biennial Goals and Initiatives, 2000-2004

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated September 5, 2002, which included a copy of Council's "Policy Making Process," as set forth in their Policies and Procedures Manual. Mr. Tuttle reported that Council reviewed the update on present goals and initiatives at their September 7 retreat. The next step will be for Council to receive public comment on city priorities at the October meeting before adopting the goals and initiatives for 2002-2004 at the November meeting. He noted that the goals and initiatives document guides the operating budget for the next two years.

Mayor Zeidler asked about the impact of state budget on the city's goals. Mr. Tuttle said that education, library, and regional jail budgets could be affected if state budget cuts occur.

PREVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING –September 12, 2002

Council members received a copy of the September 12, 2002 agenda.

Mr. Tuttle said that three items will be added to the September 12 agenda:

1. Potential financing opportunity for outstanding utility bonds.
2. A new city seal.
3. The process for the selection of the Council member.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS—September 2002

Mr. Tuttle noted that the United Way Kickoff scheduled for September 24 was moved to October 10.

September 11: Mayor Zeidler reminded citizens that a public safety memorial service would be held at the Community Building. It is also the United Way "Day of Caring," which provides a wonderful way to commemorate the day and give back to our community.

Mr. Houghland hoped that everyone takes advantage of visiting the Farmers' Market in Merchants Square. He has really enjoyed it.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Houghland Moved that City Council go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing one legal matter per subparagraph 7 for the purpose of consultation on specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

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Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb

No: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. (Mayor Zeidler called a ten-minute recess.)

At 3:12 p.m., Council met in Open Session.

Mr. Houghland Moved the Certification of Closed Meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb

No: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Date: September 9, 2002

Motion: Houghland Second: Mr. Haulman

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williamsburg has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the City Council that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Williamsburg hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the City of Williamsburg.

VOTE:

Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb

No: None

Absent During Vote: None

Absent During Meeting: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Mayor